



NEWTOWN BABE RUTH
BASEBALL LEAGUE, INC.

CONSTITUTION

As amended July 2016



Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. Constitution

- Article 1:** The name of this league is Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Incorporated.
- Article 2:** The purpose for which this league is organized is to develop and operate a baseball program. The objective of this league is to, through the medium of a supervised, instructional and competitive baseball program, seek to implant in the youth of the community, ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger and happier youth who will grow up to be good, clean, healthy adults.
- Article 3:** This league shall be affiliated with Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, and shall be governed by, and shall comply with, the principles, rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation.
- Article 4:** The principal operations of this league shall be in and about the Town of Newtown, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, but may extend into such areas as provided for by the State, Regional and National Headquarters rules and regulations.
- Article 5:** This league shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law.
- A. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by Babe Ruth League, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, or by the Regional, or State echelons of said Babe Ruth League, Inc., to which this league is subject.
 - B. To adjust registration fees charged to participants of the league as necessary. This would require a majority approval (51%) from the Board of Directors, and Appointed Officers.
 - C. To establish an annual budget and to submit this budget for majority approval (51%) to all the Members in Good Standing, and to make expenditures accounted for in the annual budget. Material Expenditures that are not accounted for in the annual budget would require majority approval (51%) of all the Members in Good Standing.
 - D. To establish and implement rules and procedures as required to carry out the purpose and mission statement of the League, including but not limited to procedures for the assignment of players to regular season teams and all star teams, selection of Managers and Coaches for regular season teams and all star teams, and appropriate rules of play for each respective age division.
- Article 6:** Any individual who wishes to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Newtown Babe Ruth League, Inc., must be a Member in Good Standing, a resident of the Town of Newtown and be at least 21 years of age.

Article 7: The Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. Board of Directors will consist of four (4) Elected Officers. The Elected Officers shall have the power and authority to create one or more additional Board positions to carry out the business of the League and may, to fill these positions, appoint any individuals that they, in their sole discretion, believe are capable of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the additional position(s). Any additional Board positions created by the Elected Officers shall be effective for a term not greater than one year, or until the end of the Elected Officers' term, whichever is sooner. Any individuals selected to fill these Board positions shall be Appointed Officers of the league and shall have full voting rights equal to the Elected Officers as set forth within this Constitution.

The Board of Directors will thus consist of the four (4) Elected Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and any Appointed Officers designated by the Elected Officers.

The Elected Board of Directors will serve a term of one year, from October through September of the following year. There is no limit to the number of terms any member of the Board of Directors can serve.

Article 8: The Board of Directors shall select Division Directors to oversee the various divisions of players within the League. Each Division of the Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. shall have a Division Director. The Division Directors shall serve a term of one year from November through October of the following year. There is no limit to the number of terms any Division Director can serve. The Board of Directors will ask that anyone interested in becoming a Division Director notify the board prior to the November meeting. All current Division Directors must also notify the board if they are interested in continuing in the role prior to the November meeting. There is no limit to the number of terms any Division Director can serve.

In addition to the Appointed Officers, the Board of Directors shall appoint Administrators to fill positions that the Board of Directors may chose to create, in order to efficiently operate the League. Such positions might include: Registration Coordinator, Equipment Manager, Sponsor Coordinator, Insurance Manager, Field Manager, Umpire Coordinator, Snack Shack Manager, Public Relations Coordinator, Fundraiser Coordinator and Picture Coordinator. The Administrators shall serve a term of one year, from October through September of the following year. There is no limit to the number of terms any Administrator can serve.

Division Directors and Administrators, as referenced in this Article 8, are not considered members of the Board of Directors.

Article 9: The Board of Directors shall have the option to create standing committees as they see necessary to help operate the Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball League, Inc. in a productive and efficient manner. They may include, but are not limited to a Budget Committee, Coaches Committee, Banquet Committee, Field Maintenance

Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, Fund Raiser Committee, Equipment Committee, Procedures Committee, etc.

Article 10: Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month at a location chosen by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors when they are deemed necessary. Notifications of all meetings, including the time and location, shall be made by the Secretary and posted on the web site.

Article 11: Amendments to the Constitution or By Laws will require the following procedures to be adhered to:

- A. An individual proposing an amendment must present said amendment request, in writing, to the Secretary of the League by either regular mail or email.
- B. Upon receipt of the proposed amendment, the Secretary will promptly publish the proposed amendment to the Board of Directors and the Members in Good Standing by regular mail or email. The proposed amendment will be placed on the agenda of the next monthly meeting.
- C. At the next monthly meeting the individual presenting the proposed amendment will give a brief verbal explanation of the proposal. Following the explanation, there will be a discussion of the proposed amendment. Upon completion of the discussion, the Members in Good Standing present at the meeting shall vote on the amendment. To be approved, a 3/4 majority of those casting votes at the meeting must vote in favor of the amendment. If a voting member cannot be present at this meeting, he or she can cast a vote by email by submitting the vote to the Secretary of the League prior to the meeting.
- D. If the proposed amendment is approved, the League Secretary will modify the Constitution and By Laws accordingly. The revised Constitution and By Laws will be posted on the website.

Article 12: A Member In Good Standing for the Newtown Babe Ruth League, Inc. is defined as any individual who attends the majority (greater than 50%) of the monthly meetings that are held, pursuant to this constitution.

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